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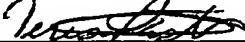
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PETITION FOR TWO MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2003 by two (2) months from October 23, 2003 until December 23, 2003.

A check in the amount of \$210.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a small entity is enclosed. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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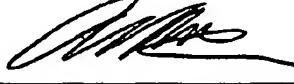
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